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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP TO PRESIDENT  
PARK ON ACCESS TO KIM DONG-JO

1. FOLLOWING FOR INFO ONLY AT THIS TIME IS TEXT OF LETTER  
DATED JULY 14 FROM SPEAKER O'NEILL AND MINORITY LEADER  
RHODES TO ROK PRESIDENT PARK REGARDING ACCESS TO KIM  
DONG-JO. SCENARIO REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL AND  
DELIVERY OF THIS LETTER SENT SEPTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

A. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: WE ARE SENDING THIS MESSAGE TO  
YOU BECAUSE WE FEEL IT NECESSARY AS LEADERS OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PERSONALLY NOTIFY YOU THAT THE HOUSE  
HAS CLEARLY INDICATED ITS DISPLEASURE CONCERNING CERTAIN  
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ACTIVITIES, OR INACTIVITIES, ON THE PART OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.  
THIS IS A DEVELOPMENT NOT GOOD FOR EITHER OF OUR COUNTRIES.

B. FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE DIFFICULT PROCESS, MANDATED BY OUR  
CONSTITUTION AND DEMANDED BY OUR PEOPLE, OF INVESTIGATING  
ALLEGATIONS THAT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ACCEPTED GIFTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF

KOREA. CERTAIN INFORMATION GATHERED  
THUS FAR SHOWS THAT SUCH ACTIVITY MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE.  
ACCORDINGLY, THE HOUSE MUST FULFILL ITS DUTY TO FIND OUT  
WHAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS DID AND TO APPLY SANCTIONS TO ANY  
AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO MAY HAVE ACTED WRONGFULLY UNDER  
OUR CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES.

C. LET US EMPHASIZE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE HOUSE DOES  
NOT SEEK TO EMBARRASS THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, NOR TO  
AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND KOREA.  
THE INVESTIGATION DOES NOT ENCOMPASS PASSING JUDGMENT ON  
WHETHER SUCH ACTIVITY WAS PERMITTED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT  
OR THE MORALITY OF THE GIFTGIVING, WHETHER IT WAS CARRIED  
ON WITH OR WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIALS IN SEOUL.  
THE STANDARD APPLIED IS OUR OWN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. OUR  
EXCLUSIVE FOCUS IS UPON THE CONDUCT OF OUR OFFICIALS.

D. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ANSWER THE  
QUESTIONS POSED BY THE INVESTIGATION WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE  
OF CITIZENS OF YOUR NATION. WITH YOUR BLESSING, FOR  
WHICH WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL, MR. PARK TONG SUN  
PROVIDED US WITH DETAILS WHICH WE COULD HAVE NEVER  
OBTAINED OTHERWISE. BUT WE MUST TELL YOU THAT THE  
INVESTIGATION IS INCOMPLETE.

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E. ONCE AGAIN, MR. PRESIDENT, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
MUST TURN TO YOU AND ASK YOUR HELP TO TAKE THE FINAL  
STEP IN OUR INVESTIGATION. IT IS BELIEVED ANOTHER CITIZEN  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MR. KIM DONG-JO, IS IN POS-  
SESSION OF INFORMATION THAT WILL LEAD TO COMPLETION OF  
OUR INVESTIGATION. WE URGENTLY REQUEST YOUR GOVERNMENT'S  
ASSISTANCE TO CONVINCE MR. KIM TO COME FORWARD VOLUNTARILY  
AND TO PROVIDE TO OUR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AND ITS  
STAFF THE ANSWERS TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN  
PREPARED FOR MR. KIM.

F. AS YOU ARE AWARE WE HAVE LONG SOUGHT THE ANSWERS TO  
THESE QUESTIONS AND HAVE GONE SO FAR AS TO PROVIDE  
DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING THEM TO YOUR DISTINGUISHED  
REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR KIM YONG SHIK.  
THE QUESTIONS RELATE TO CERTAIN ALLEGED PAYMENTS TO  
AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND DO NOT RELATE TO THE POLICIES OR  
OFFICIAL DUTIES OF ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
KOREA. THEY ARE DRAWN NARROWLY SO THAT IN OUR OPINION  
THE SOVEREIGN AND DIPLOMATIC INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF KOREA CANNOT BE INFRINGED UPON BY MR. KIM'S VOLUNTARILY

COMING FORWARD TO RESPOND TO THEM UNDER OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES. WE ASK ONLY TO BE ASSURED THAT THE QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED FORTHRIGHTLY AND THAT THEIR VERACITY

WILL BE AFFIRMED BY MR. KIM.

G. MR. PRESIDENT, WE WANT YOU TO BE AWARE OF THE PERILOUS CIRCUMSTANCES THAT SURROUND OUR REQUEST. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT ACCEPT AN INCOMPLETE INVESTIGATION. NOR, WE MUST TELL YOU FRANKLY, WILL THEY UNDERSTAND WHY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA COULD NOT ASSIST US IN COMPLETING THE INVESTIGATION. WE FEAR CONTINUED EROSION OF OUR NATIONAL RELATIONSHIP UNLESS DECISIVE ACTION IS TAKEN.

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H. OUR REQUEST TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, IS FINAL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE. END TEXT.  
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